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PER ANNUM.

## Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED 1880.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... Yen 12,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... 10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... 6,000,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.  
KOREA ..... NEW YORK.  
LONDON ..... LYONS.  
SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,  
BOMBAK ..... SHANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.  
PARRS' BANK, LTD.  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.  
HONGKONG AGENCY:—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance;  
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.  
6 " 4 "  
3 " 3 "  
S. CHOU, Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1898. [382]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... £1,000,000  
Paid up Capital ..... £344,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:  
D. Gillies, Esq.  
J. T. Lauts, Esq. | Chow Tung Shang, Esq.  
Chen Kit Shan, Esq. | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.  
Chief Manager: G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per  
Cent. per annum.  
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [18]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... £10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £9,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, £10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
Hon. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.  
R. M. GRAY, Deputy Chairman.  
C. Beurmann, Esq.  
David Gublitz, Esq. | A. I. Raymond, Esq.  
R. Haupt, Esq. | P. Sachse, Esq.  
R. H. Hill, Esq. | R. Shaw, Esq.  
A. McConachie, Esq. | N. A. Siebs, Esq.  
Chief Manager: Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER:  
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.  
per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per Cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per Cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per annum.  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [9]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £300,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-HOLDERS ..... £800,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per  
annum on the Daily Balances; On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.  
6 " 3 1/2 " 3 " 2 1/2 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [13]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE  
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

SHANGHAI Taels.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... 5,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... 2,500,000

Head Office:—SHANGHAI.  
Branches and Agencies.  
CANTON. HANKOW.  
CHEFOO. PEKING.  
CHINKIANG. SWATOW.  
FOOCHOW. TIENSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agents.

HONGKONG BRANCH.  
Advances made on approved securities.  
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.  
3 1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months,  
4 1/2 " " 6 " 12 "  
5 1/2 " " 12 " 12 "

E. W. RUTTER,  
Acting Manager.  
Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [137]

## Intimations.

### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

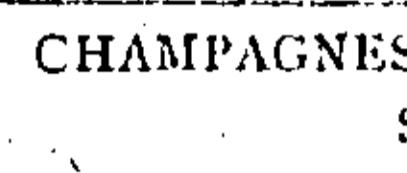
(to)

FOR STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
KOBE.....	Mazagon .....	E. G. Andrews .....	Daylight, 13th Jan., Freight only.
JAPAN .....	Socotra* .....	T. H. Hide, R.N.R. ....	About 16th Jan. .... Freight only.
LONDON .....	Japan .....	G. K. Wright, R.N.R. ....	About 16th Jan. .... Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c. ....	Chusan† .....	E. Street .....	Noon, 21st Jan. .... Freight or Passage.
JAPAN .....	Rohilla* .....	S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R. ....	4 p.m., 21st Jan. .... Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI.....	Ballaarat .....	C. L. W. Field .....	About 21st Jan. .... Freight or Passage.
*(Passing through the Inland Sea). <span style="float: right;">†(See Special Advertisement).</span>			

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [5]



CHAMPAGNES,

SHERRIES,

PORTS,

CLARETS,

HOCKS,

WHITE WINES,

Telephone

75.

BRANDIES,

WHISKIES,

GINS,

ALES,

STOUT.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,

15, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [15]

D. C. L.

OLD TOM AND DRY GIN.

\$7 PER DOZ.

H. PRICE & Co.,  
Sole Agents.

## THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager,

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [36]

CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

W. POWELL & CO.

WOOL SHAWLS

AND

TRAVELLING WRAPS.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1899. [27]

## Intimations.

### UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

(to)

SOLE AGENTS IN

HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,

FOR THE

UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LTD., LONDON,

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT..... THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents.

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## Insurances.

### NOTICE

THE MANON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [30]

THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

### FOUNDED 1797.

AMOUNT INSURED ..... £30,000,000

LOSSES PAID ..... £12,050,000

PREMIUM INCOME ..... £87,000

The Undersigned Agents for the above Society are prepared to accept RISKS against Fire at CURRENT RATES.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1899. [24a]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [18]

## Masonic.



VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A NECESSARY MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on SATURDAY, the 10th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1899. [20a]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1, 165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1899. [14a]

Notice of Firms.

### NOTICE.

We have This Day admitted Mr. ALEXANDER ALFRED HEINRICH FINKE a Partner on our FIRM, GROSSMANN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1899. [2a]

M. GUSTAV ADOLPH DEGENER-BOENING retired from our FIRM on the 1st December, 1898. We have established a BRANCH of our FIRM at TSINTAU, (KAO-CHOU BAY).

**To-day's Advertisements.**

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 26th January, 1899, at HALF PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 27th January to THURSDAY, the 26th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the  
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT  
AND AGENCY CO., LTD.  
General Agents for  
THE WEST POINT BUILDING  
CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [61a]

NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 26th January, 1899, at 12 o'clock (NOON) for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 19th January to THURSDAY, the 26th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [61a]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FIFTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 10th January, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from the 17th to 30th instant inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [62a]

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

DOVE ROCK BUOY.

Swarow District.  
I HAVE been informed by Telegram that the above Buoy is adrift

H. M. HILLIER,  
Commissioner of Customs,  
461 Kowloon & District.

Customs House,  
Kowloon, 12th January, 1899. [62a]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "PREUSSEN."

THE above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notices to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, and TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 28th instant, or they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

No Fine Insurance has been effected.

MELCHERS &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [62a]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, SOUTHAMPTON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

HITACHI MARU.

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 18th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company, and sent to this Office within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognized.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [62a]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "NINGCHOW".

FROM PORTLAND, OR., YOKOHAMA,

KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

DODWELL &amp; Co., Ltd.

Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [62a]

**To-day's Advertisements.**VICTORIA CHAPTER,  
No. 525, E.C.

REGULAR CONVOCATION of  
VICTORIA CHAPTER will be held at  
FREEMASONS' HALL, TO-NIGHT,  
the 12th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting  
Companions are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [62a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

THE Company's Steamship

HAILOONG.

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the  
above Port, on SATURDAY, the 14th instant,  
at 10 A.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [62a]

MOGUL-WARACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Steamship

MOGUL.

will be despatched as above on TUESDAY,  
the 17th instant.

S.S. "ENERGIA".....About 24th Jan., 1899.  
S.S. "PATHAN".....2nd Feb., 1899.  
S.S. "SIKH".....24th Feb., 1899.  
S.S. "ARGYLL".....11th Mar., 1899.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [62a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Company's Steamship

NESTOR.

Captain Asquith, will be despatched as above on  
WEDNESDAY, the 1st February.

For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [62a]

FOR NEW YORK (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

KENMORE.

Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the  
above Port on or about the end of February.

For Freight, apply to  
CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [62a]

**Intimations.****EYE-SIGHT.**

MR. N. LAZARUS,

Optician, of London and Calcutta,  
may be consulted for SPECTACLES at

FLETCHER &amp; Co.'s PHARMACY,

(Opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL),

Business Hours: ..... 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A great proportion of cataracts and diseases  
affecting those advancing in life occur to those  
having some deficiency in the construction of the  
eyes,—the many years of "Eye Strain"  
ending in serious forms of diseases. Glasses  
especially adapted in youth to those requiring  
them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of  
dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters  
running together; any of these symptoms indicate  
a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring  
Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES  
only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE.

A. S. WATSON &amp; Co., LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

**SCOTCH WHISKY.**

Per Case 1 Dz.

A. S. WATSON &amp; Co., LIMITED.

White Capsule ..... \$10.80

B. S. WATSON &amp; GLENORCHY MELLOW BLEND, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark ..... 10.80

C. S. WATSON &amp; ABELOUR GLENLIVET, Red Capsule, with name and Trade Mark ..... 12.00

D. S. WATSON &amp; H. K. D. BLEND OF THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT WHISKIES, Violet Capsule ..... 14.40

E. S. WATSON'S VERY OLD LIQUOR SCOTCH WHISKY, Gold Capsule ..... 15.00

THOMAS'S BLEND and WATSON'S GLENORCHY are high class Soda Whiskies, of greater age than most brands in the market.

ABELOUR-GLENLIVET is a very old Peat Whisky, (smoky) and could not now be replaced in stock at the price.

D is well known for its fine flavour.

E is of superb quality and pronounced by leading local connoisseurs to be the best brand in the Hongkong market.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established 1841.

**TO SUBSCRIBERS.**

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1899.

**REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.**

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR.

LONDON, January 10th.

A letter from M. De Beaurepaire explaining his resignation is strongly Anti-Dreyfus. M. De Beaurepaire denounces the other Judges of the Cour de Cassation and the Minister of Justice, charging them with partiality and even corruption and declaring himself the avenger of the insulted honour of the Army.

The Public Prosecutor from Cayenne has

examined ex-Capt. Dreyfus who denied making a confession on the day of his degradation and reiterated his innocence.

SENSATION IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

A sensation was caused in the United States Senate by Mr. Hoar, a prominent Senator, opposing the ratification of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain, and declaring that the acquisition of territory in the other hemisphere destroys the Monroe doctrine.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Pryer of North Borneo, at Port Said.

TELEGRAMS TO MANILA.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says—On the 12th at 11.45 a.m.: The barometer has fallen on the 17th instant.

Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the end of February.

For Freight, apply to  
CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [62a]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SIAM is expected to introduce penal legislation for crimes against the person, which is almost a translation of the Indian Penal Code.

THE following will play for Mr. Looker's XI.

The Navy on Saturday at 4 p.m.—B. James,

A. S. Anton, Lapsley, Looker, Wilson, "Jacko"

R.A., Barlow, Mayson, Lethbridge, Sibbit, and Smillie.

Moderate to fresh N. winds; dull, some rain.

THE following will play for Mr. Looker's XI.

The Navy on Saturday at 4 p.m.—B. James,

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THE following will play for Mr. Looker's XI.

The Navy on Saturday at 4 p.m.—B. James,

**THE WANCAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

Following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the eighth ordinary annual meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Managers, at 3 p.m. on Monday, the 16th January, 1899:

The General Managers beg to submit to the shareholders their Report on the working of the Company, with a Statement of Accounts, for the year ended 31st of December, 1898.

In the same way as in the previous year an interim dividend at the rate of \$1.50 per share was paid on the 9th July out of the half-yearly rental from the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

The balance now, at credit of Profit and Loss Account, including the balance of \$348.21 from last year, amounts to \$4,287.18. After providing for the final Dividend at the above rate, absorbing \$3,900.00, there remains a small surplus \$387.18, which it is recommended to carry forward to new Profit and Loss Account.

AUDITOR.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Henderson, whose re-election is recommended,

MEYER & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1899.

**MANILA'S BRITISH CONSUL.**

Capt. S. H. Harford, the newly-appointed British Consul at Manila, has a long service record. He entered the army in 1851, and served in the Crimea; he was present at the siege and assault of Sebastopol, and then served in the Indian Mutiny. He sold out in 1868. In 1875, he became Unpaid Vice-Consul at Sebastopol, resigned after 17 months' service, but was re-appointed five years later to the same post. In 1890, he was promoted to be Consul for the Canary Islands, to reside at Santa Cruz, Tenerife. He was transferred as Consul to New Caledonia in April, 1895.

**SIAM'S LEGAL SYSTEM.**

The young Siamese prince now in England has successfully passed an English Law Examination, and has, it is said, received an injunction from the King of Siam to pay a close and watchful attention to the English legal system and to forward him an explicit report in reference to it. The King, it is stated, intends to put the young Prince in an important position in connection with the administration of the new legal machinery which he is about to call into existence in Siam. His purpose is to remove even the suspicion of corruption from the administration of the law in his kingdom, and he believes that, in order to realise this, his wisest plan will be to follow the method of appointment in positions of judicial distinction pursued in England. The Prince's studies will be continued in England for another year or more.

**MR. ASQUITH ON EGYPT.**

The reconquest of the Soudan has been successfully and victoriously accomplished. The title of Egypt to the Upper Nile—a title the validity of which, in my opinion, does not in the least depend upon reconquest—has been asserted in the plainest and most direct fashion, and as events have happily turned out it is now clear that there is no chance of its being successfully challenged. A situation has thus been created which imposes upon us, as the agents and trustees of Egypt, an entirely new set of responsibilities. We hope indeed that a new market will be opened, not only for our own trade, but for the trade of the whole world. I am not myself so sanguine as some people appear to be of the rapidity with which that market will develop, or as to the dimensions to which it may ultimately attain. But however that may be we are face to face with the problem of administering the vast territory, reclaimed after the lifetime of half a generation from one of the most desolating forms of barbarism. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman (cheers)—the other day at Stirling very justly warned us against that pharisaical attitude of their international relations to adopt, and which, if we may trust the candid testimony of our neighbors, is one of the primary and most provocative causes of English unpopularity abroad.

But I think without any pharisaism we may fairly claim that wherever our countrymen have brought a subject population under their rule they have striven to justify the power which comes from superior strength, not merely by developing the material resources of the country, but by bringing into the minds and into the lives of the people, not as phantoms of the imagination, but as solid, vivid realities, the ideas of order, justice, and humanity. Nor have we stopped there. We have striven, within the expanding limits which the safety and the integrity of our own rule permitted, to associate the people with us in the task of governing themselves. And to make them feel this more and more surely should be the ideal, we will not say of a conquering, but of a consolidating and civilising Power—to make them feel more and more, year after year, and generation after generation, that they are not merely subjects but fellow-citizens by adoption. What we have done by ourselves when the matter rested entirely with us, in India and elsewhere, that we ought to do for Egypt also, so long and so far as we are responsible for her action. I do not think that any better work has ever been done by Englishmen, Scotchmen, and Irishmen, in tilling the waste places of the world, in restoring civilisation and order to regions where they had disappeared, in implanting the seeds and the germs of a better social order upon barbarous soil, than the work which during the last fifteen years has been done in Egypt.

Now we have to carry on that work further. We have to develop and adjust it to meet new conditions; and for my own part have read with the greatest interest and welcome the proposals which have been recently put forward by that brilliant and successful general whose return to this country we have all been greeting lately—I mean Lord Kitchener. I have read, and I am sure you have all read, with the greatest satisfaction that the first thing which occurred to him on the morrow of his great conquest over these barbarous tribes was not, as some people would have had, the crude and barren notion of revenge. No, there is a far better way of doing honor to the memory of a man like Gordon than by revenging death. It was to erect upon the scene of his labours and heroism, upon the place where he suffered and died, an institution which would be a worthy memorial of his self-sacrificing and Christian life, where these barbarous and undeveloped tribes for whom he cared so much, and whom

it has been our happy destiny to release from the bonds of savage despotism, might learn the elements of knowledge and education, and might fit themselves for taking a part in the administration of their own affairs, and in the developing of their own social and political future. (Cheers). That, I venture to say, is an enterprise worthy of a great nation, and I trust, and I do not doubt, that it will receive the enthusiastic, the consistent, and the persistent support of all classes and creeds of Englishmen without distinction of party or opinion. (Cheers).

**JAPANESE RAILWAYS.****THE QUEEN AND HER SOLDIERS.**

Interesting figures on the rapid development of Japanese railways have been recently given by a Berlin paper. Although only 26 years have elapsed since the first Japanese railway was built, and though the Japanese Government for many years treated railways as a State monopoly, yet at the beginning of 1897 there were already 2,500 miles in operation, and 3,000 miles either being made, or else planned. Thirty-three private companies have 1,869 miles of railway in working condition, and are engaged in building 2,163 more miles. So far they have expended a sum of 160,420,000 yen (one thousand yen equals about 25), of which 87,730,000 yen is for railways completed. The sum expended on State railways is 48,980,000 yen. All the lines, except the Tokyo-Yokohama line, are single ones. The Government guarantees private companies which build railways a dividend of four per cent. In the year 1896-7 the number of persons carried on all railways was 65,110,000, and of goods 6,700,000 tons, or 153 per cent, and 207 per cent, respectively more than in 1891-2. The State lines possessed 183 locomotives, 796 carriages, and 2,328 goods wagons; private companies 429,147, and 6,540 of each respectively.

**A PLAGUE COMMISSION AT BANGALORE.**

**THE EFFECTS OF INOCULATION.**

The following is a résumé of some of the evidence taken by the Plague Commission which met at Bangalore on December 12th—Captain Roe, Royal Engineers, Chief Plague Officer in the Cantonment, said he thought that segregation had been a great failure. In his experience when a case was reported half the people of the house ran away, and by the time the medical officer reached the spot, the house was usually quite abandoned. He was not personally aware that plague was spread by human agency, nor that dead rats preceded the appearance of the disease. In regard to antiseptics used for disinfecting, witness mentioned pinoline as being one of the liquids employed, but the Commission were ignorant of its properties, and witness not being a medical man could not enlighten them. He thought it quite possible for an inoculation certificate to be passed on to other persons after the death of the rightful owner. He attributed the fear among natives of segregation to disinfection and loss of property; but with the altered policy as to segregation there was a perceptible improvement.

Major Deane, R.A.M.C., the next witness, said that as to the means of communicating the disease, from his observations here and in Bombay, he had formed an idea that infection could be conveyed just the same as any other disease. He could not say infection could be conveyed one way more than another. He could not say whether it was conveyed by mosquitoes, fleas, rats, etc. People attending plague patients in hospitals might carry infection through their clothing, and he mentioned the fact of four ward servants in the hospital under his charge here being attacked, three of whom died. They had all been inoculated at Poona, but he did not know how long ago. Speaking of segregation, he said it had its drawbacks. Since he took charge on November 20th, there had been 40 or 50 such cases; but he gave an instance of a family which was sent to hospital, one of whom was not inoculated, contracted plague, and all the rest, who had been inoculated, escaped. He could not speak from personal experience about rats conveying the disease.

Colonel T. McCann, Principal Medical Officer, Bangalore District, spoke as to plague among the military followers, and detailed the measures adopted to stamp it out, which consisted chiefly in the evacuation of huts, disinfection and inoculation. The latter was very slow work at first, but when British officers were openly operated on, the native troops followed largely. In the 2nd Madras Lancers a large number of second inoculations had been carried out. There had been only one case among the European British troops, which had not been inoculated yet, because it was not considered necessary and had not been done elsewhere. Personally, he believed in inoculation as a preventive of plague. He had known of persons dying shortly after inoculation, and had concluded that they had plague in their system at the time of inoculation. Among the followers and their families the mortality had been small, which he attributed to inoculation combined with disinfection.

Colonel Dobson, I.M.S., Residency Surgeon, said the antiseptics used were perchloride of mercury, carbolic acid, and Mc Dougall's powder. He also used phenyle and pinoline. He prescribed perchloride of mercury one in 1,000 and one in 2,000, the perchloride being made up with salt. He did not hold himself responsible for the disinfectants used, because the District Magistrate interfered and appended his name to witness's list of instructions. He noticed that plague ran milder course among inoculated persons. He had had several outbreaks of the disease in the Civil Hospital, of which he had charge. Very few who were admitted into the plague hospitals but did not suffer from plague. Among the menial establishment of North Camp Hospital, three ward servants were attacked, of whom two were inoculated, and all died. Thirty-eight inoculated patients were admitted up to date, 10 of whom had died. No special treatment by drugs served to do any good, but among the cases attended to early, with proper nursing and nourishment, the results were good. Four hospital assistants out of 12 were attacked with indigo plague, 3 were inoculated, 4 died. Of the servants obtained from Poona, who were all inoculated, one died. At the South Plague Camp the mortality was 55 per cent, the duration of illness two and a half days. None of his hospital establishment were attacked. The patients admitted were for the most part from the poor labouring classes. Witness was unable to explain the percentage of mortality in contact camps. It was really lower than among people who had no contact. There was a definite rule as to floor space in hospital wards, each patient having 120 superficial feet. It was not half that in the plague hospital here.

**RUSSIAN INTOLERANCE.**

The signature of an agreement between the Canadian and Russian Governments for the transfer to the Canadian North-West of 3,000 Dukhobors from Caucasus is announced by the Ottawa correspondent of the *Gazette*. They are exiles on conscientious grounds, as they belong to a sect which refuses to bear arms, and the Empress Dowager, who heard of their case from her invalid son, obtained from the Tsar his consent to their petition to be allowed to emigrate. The first party of 1,322 will leave Bactoum on December 16th, in the steamer Huron, in charge of Count Sergius Tolstoi the son of the celebrated author and philanthropist. A second party of about 2,000 will leave ten days later in the steamer Lake Superior, and, after wintering in Winnipeg, where arrangements have been made for them, they will probably be forwarded to the Calgary and Edmonton districts.

THE P. M. S. Co.'s steamer *China* with masts, etc., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 7th instant.

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Homeward—Jan. 10th Melbourne.

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

To-day, 12th January, 1899.

Barometer ..... 29.818

Thermometer ..... 80.1

Humidity ..... 77

Rainfall ..... 8.58

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To-day, 13th January, 1899.

Barometer ..... 30.10

Thermometer ..... 66

Humidity ..... 92

Rainfall ..... 0.16

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WEATHER REPORT.

To-day, 14th January, 1899.

Barometer ..... 30.00

Thermometer ..... 67

Humidity ..... 68

Rainfall ..... 0.00

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WEATHER REPORT.

To-day, 15th January, 1899.

Barometer ..... 30.00

Thermometer ..... 68

Humidity ..... 69

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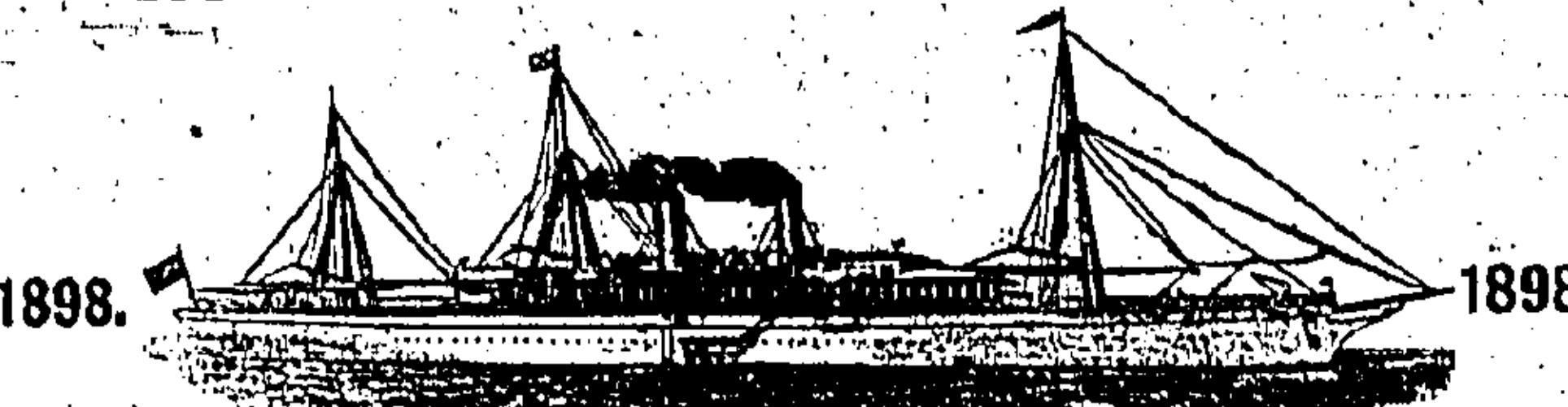
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